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SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTITUDE ON NATO BURDENSARING

REF: A. BONN 9072 AND 10939; B. PARIS 21029;

C. STATE 150394

1. THE BONN REFTELS REPORTED-CONSISTENT ACCOUNTS  
FROM FOUR SEPARATE FONOFF SOURCES ON JOBERT'S REMARKS  
TO SCHEEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN  
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ALLIED BURDENSARING ARRANGEMENT. SOME OF OUR SOURCES

NOTED JOBERT'S ELLITICAL REMARKS ABOUT POSSIBLE EC-9 CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT; THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN NATO BURDENSARING DISCUSSION. THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO JOBERT AND THE VIEWS OF GOF WORKING LEVELS IN PARIS (REF C) ALSO WAS CLEARLY APPARENT IN THE BONN REFTELS.

2. WE OF COURSE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING JOBERT'S PURPOSES IN MAKING HIS REPORTED REMARKS TO SCHEEL. OUR SOURCES SAY IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER JOBERT WAS EMPLOYING THE FAMILIAR FRENCH TACK OF BAITING AN EC PARTNER FOR A FORTHCOMING FRENCH DEMAND, PERHAPS ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, OR WHETHER THE FRENCH DEEM THEIR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING US TROOP PRESENCE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY GREAT TO JUSTIFY PAYMENT OF WHAT THEY MAY EXPECT WOULD BE A MODEST SHARE OF AMERICAN BOP DEFICIT ON MILITARY ACCOUNT.

3. WE SHARE THE EMBASSY PARIS VIEW THAT ANY END PRODUCT OF THE CURRENT BURDENSARING EXERCISE SHOULD HAVE A "MADE IN EUROPE" LABEL. FOR THIS REASON, AND SINCE OUR SOURCES SAY GERMAN PROBING HAS PRODUCED NO FURTHER ELABORATION OF FRENCH THINKING ON BURDENSARING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE FOR US TO URGE THE FRG TO PROBE THE FRENCH FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT. WE SHARE FRG VIEW THAT FRENCH WILL MAKE KNOWN THEIR POSITION IF AND WHEN THEY ARE READY TO DO SO AND THAT UNDUE ALLIED PRESSURE COULD GIVE THEM A PRETEXT FOR RECOILING FROM AN OTHERWISE POSSIBLE ROLE IN NATO BURDENSARING ON THE GROUNDS OF "US INTERFERENCE".  
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